



D E C L A R A T I O N

In the matter of U. S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/658,193 in the name of Takayuki NIUYA et al.

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